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SAB Libby Amphibole Toxicity Assessment Review Panel update

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Just got off the phone with Vanessa Vu (EPA's SAB Director). She gave me a summary of the current status of the panel selection process and an approximate schedule for upcoming events:

- Deadline has passed for the external nominations for the Asbestos panel members - EPA has received quite a number of nominations.
- She hopes to have the list of nominees finalized for publication in the Federal Register this Friday
- There will be a three-week public comment period for the list of nominees (She noted that she would welcome any comments from us. I indicated that R8 is sensitive regarding any implication that we would be impacting the process in any inappropriate manner.)
- In addition to the information submitted by the nominee, Venessa's office also does a web-based search on each nominee to gather information on each nominee's background, suitability, conflict of interest, skill mix, etc.
- Her staff then combines data (the public comments, information gathered, etc.) and makes a determination on the panel composition.
- Recommended panel members will then submit financial disclosures.
- The review process (post public comment period) should take about 3-4 weeks. She expects to have the list of panelists by the end of September.
- Once the list of panelists is finalized, there will be a meeting of this SAB panel to determine (based on their schedules) what kind of review schedule they would propose for the Libby Amphibole Toxicity Assessment.

Venessa will keep me posted as we move through the process.

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